

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

2024-25 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION (PCIS)¹

COURSE	LAW 303 Criminal Procedure
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTORS	Roberto Alberto and Lorne Phipps
TERM OFFERED	Fall 2024
CLASS TIMES	See schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES	LAW 303 is a recommended (not required) prerequisite for LAW 350 Law Centre Clinical Term.

OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

To gain a concrete and practical understanding of criminal procedure as it applies to all three levels of court in British Columbia: Provincial Court, Supreme Court, and the Court of Appeal. As approximately 95% of all criminal matters are dealt with in Provincial Court, there will be a particular focus on Provincial Court practice. Guest speakers will include Prosecutors, Defence Counsel and local Judges.

METHODOLOGY

This course will be taught through a combination of lectures, class discussions, practical exercises, and guest speakers. Class discussion is intended to stimulate critical reflection upon the materials as well as to apply knowledge from the readings and lectures to practical problems. It is expected that students will attend class, will have read and thought about the assigned materials before coming to class, and will be able to identify and discuss relevant issues raised by the readings. The class will be delivered through synchronous (e.g. class discussions, practical exercises, guest lectures) components.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

The final grade for this course will be based on three components:

- **Mid Term Exam:** There will be a one-hour and twenty minute mid-term exam comprising 35% of the final grade.
- **Court Assignment:** There will be a fifteen-minute in-class assignment worth 5% of the course
- **Final Exam:** There will be a three-hour final exam comprising the remaining 60% of the final grade.

¹ The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is **subject to change**. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, the Law front office (law.studentservices@uvic.ca)